

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF VERMONT**

In re:

**Application for PACER
Exemption**

Case # 21-mc-62 Fees

**ORDER
GRANTING BELISA PANG A SUPPLEMENTAL EXEMPTION
FROM THE ELECTRONIC PUBLIC ACCESS FEES**

This matter is before the Court upon the request of Belisa Pang for a supplemental exemption from the fees imposed by the Electronic Public Access (“PACER”) fee schedule adopted by the Judicial Conference of the United States Courts. Belisa Pang was initially granted an exemption from the Electronic Public Access fees on March 25, 2021, and was granted an extension of that exemption on March 29, 2022. Belisa Pang seeks a supplemental exemption for her research project studying the obstacles people face during bankruptcy, quantify how burdensome those obstacles are, and evaluate the system's fairness.

Based on the application and applicable rules, THE COURT FINDS that Belisa Pang, as a J.D. – Ph.D. student at Yale Law School, falls within the class of users listed in the fee schedule who are eligible for a fee exemption, and that Belisa Pang has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information.

Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Belisa Pang shall be exempt from the payment of fees for access via PACER to the electronic case files maintained in this Court, to the extent such use is incurred in the course of her research described above, from the date this Order is entered until March 1, 2025. However, she shall not be exempt from the payment of fees incurred in connection with other uses of the PACER system in this Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the following limitations shall also apply:

1. this fee exemption applies only to Belia Pang and is valid only for the purposes stated above;
2. this fee exemption applies only to the electronic case files of this Court that are available through the PACER system;

3. Belisa Pang is prohibited from selling for profit any data she obtains as a result of receiving this exemption;
4. Belisa Pang is prohibited from transferring any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption, including redistribution via internet-based databases;
5. this exemption is valid until March 1, 2025; and
6. this exemption is subject to revocation by the Court at any time.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk shall promptly send a copy of this Order to the PACER Service Center.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: September 29, 2022



Hon. Heather Z. Cooper
United States Bankruptcy Judge